

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 15213

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, GB, JA

SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING: SITUATION AT AIRPORT

1. FONOFF (NISHIYAMA, DEPDIRGEN ASIAN AFFAIRS) HAD FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION AS OF NOON TOKYO TIME RE SITUATION AT DACCA AIRPORT:

--"COUP D'ETAT" GROUP NEARLY SUCCEEDED IN TAKING OVER AIRPORT,  
BUT WITHIN LAST HOUR BDG FORCES HAD REASSERTED CONTROL AND WERE  
PATROLLING RUNWAYS AND TERMINAL BUILDINGS.

--BROADCASTS HAVE BEEN HEARD PRAISING BDG, INDICATING COUP ATTEMPT  
CRUSHED.

--FIGHTING WAS SEVERE; ONE GOJ OFFICIAL, WHILE MOVING FROM  
ONE ROOM TO ANOTHER IN CONTROL TOWER BUILDING,  
"STUMBLED OVER FOUR BODIES." HE RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE  
DEAD AS OFFICER WHO HAD SERVED AS MAHMOUD'S RIGHT-HAND MAN  
IN DEALING WITH HIJACKERS.

--BECAUSE OF CONFUSION, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT WITH HIJACKERS  
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FOR LAST TWO HOURS.

2. NHK NOON NEWS ALSO REPORTED BDG FORCES HAD REASSERTED  
CONTROL. HOWEVER, NHK ALSO REPORTED THAT MAHMOUD HAD  
"DISAPPEARED" AND HIJACKERS WERE REFUSING TO SPEAK TO ANYONE  
ELSE.  
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## Message Attributes

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